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EXDIS - FROM THE SECRETARY - FOR ATHERTON USDEL NO.

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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

1. NOW THAT BEGIN HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO "REPLY"
BEFORE THE KNESSET TO SADAT'S SPEECH BEFORE THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY, I BELIEVE IT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR BOTH
SIDES TO AVOID ADDITIONAL PUBLIC EXCHANGES AND TO START
WORKING SERIOUSLY IN ORDER TO GET THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
BACK ON THE TRACK.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY
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TO ENSURE THAT BEGIN AND SADAT HAVE NOTED CAREFULLY THAT
THE PRESIDENT HAS ADDRESSED THIS POINT, AS EVIDENT IN THE
FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH FROM THE PRESS RELEASE OF LAST NIGHT
ISSUED AFTER MY MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO REPORT ON MY
MIDDLE EAST TRIP: "THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY EXPRESS-
ED THE HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC EXCHANGES OF RECENT DAYS ARE
NOW BEHIND US AND THAT EVER; EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO

RECAPTURE THE SPIRIT THAT FOLLOWED RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN
PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND PRESIDENT SADAT AND TO TURN FULL
ATTENTION THROUGH QUIET DIPLOMACY TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS." I BELIEVE WE ALL AGREE THAT OUR COMMON
HIGHEST PRIORITY IS TO RESUME FRUITFUL DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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